



# **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

Wildlife Division  
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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public comment on proposed 2009 Deer and Elk Quotas outside the Biennial Quota Range, 2009 Antelope Quota Ranges, a 2009 Hunting Access Agreement, 2009 Fall Upland Game Bird Bag Limits, 2009 Wolf Quotas and 2009 Marias River State Park/Wildlife Management Area Deer Hunting Access Regulations. These proposed changes as described below were adopted at the May 14, 2009 FWP Commission meeting. Any final adoptions of these proposed changes will take place at the July 9, 2009 FWP Commission meeting.

## Proposed 2009 Deer and Elk Quotas outside the Biennial Quota Range:

- Elk—HD 319-10: Reduce BTB/Antlerless permits from 300 to 25 (adopted range is minimum 200; maximum 400)
- Elk—HD 328-00: Increase ES permits from 50 to 75 (no adopted range)
- Elk—HD 328-80: Increase A9/B12 antlerless elk licenses from 100 to 150 (no adopted range)
- Elk—HD 341-10: Reduce BTB/Antlerless permits from 175 to 25 (adopted range is minimum 150; maximum 250)
- Elk—HD 339-00: Increase Antlerless Permits from 500 to 800 (adopted range is minimum 300; maximum 500)
- Elk—HD 343-00: Increase Antlerless Permits from 450 to 600 (adopted range is minimum 300, maximum 500)
- Deer—HD 332-00: Decrease Antlerless Mule Deer B Licenses from 50 to 15 (adopted range is minimum 50; maximum 50)

## Proposed 2009 Antelope Quota Ranges:

- HD 500 – adjust quota range from 300-600 to 200-600
- HD 501 – adjust quota range from 450-750 to 300-750
- HD 511 – adjust quota range from 250-250 to 250-500
- HD 513 – adjust quota range from 900-1000 to 600-1000
- HD 530 – adjust quota range from 900-1500 to 600-1500
- HD 570 – adjust quota range from 950-1750 to 750-1750

## Proposed 2009 Swanz Ranch Elk Hunting Access Agreement:

- One (1) 411-21 either-sex elk permit to landowner or designee.
- Four (4) 411-21 either-sex elk permits to hunters from the already randomized list of unsuccessful applicants for 411-20 either-sex elk permits.
- The four hunters who receive 411-21 (either-sex) permits valid only on enrolled land may hunt any day they call and receive permission. Hunters must secure permission prior to hunting. It will be the hunter's responsibility to contact landowner to arrange for access.
- From 3-5 hunters per day, possessing 411-20 (either-sex), 411-80 (antlerless A9/B12), or general elk license, will be allowed to hunt for antlerless elk on enrolled land throughout the period covered by this agreement. Hunters must secure permission prior to hunting. It will be the hunter's responsibility to contact landowner to arrange for access.
- There are no restrictions on the number of days landowner can hunt his property.

Proposed 2009 Fall Upland Game Bird Bag Limits (no proposed change from 2008 except those listed below):

- Missoula County area Fall Turkey Permits (283-50) -- increase from 50 to 100
- Bitterroot Valley area in a Portion of Ravalli County Fall Turkey Permits (285-50) -- increase from 300 to 400

Proposed 2009 Wolf Quotas and Subquota:

Multiple quota options proposed.

TOTAL QUOTA (approx hvst rate as % of est statewide pop)	WMU 1 QUOTA	WMU 2 QUOTA	WMU 3 QUOTA
26 (5%)	14 (N Fk Flathead subquota of 2)	6	6
75 (15%)	41 (N Fk Flathead subquota of 2)	22	12
165 (30%)	86 (N Fk Flathead subquota of 2)	50	29

Proposed 2009 Marias River State Park/Wildlife Management Area Deer Hunting Access Regulations:

- 10 archery hunters randomly chosen per 2 week period; 3 archery hunt periods each 2 weeks in length
- 10 general hunting season (rifle) hunters randomly chosen per 7 day period; 3 general season (rifle) hunt periods each 7 days in length
- Hunters may apply only once for either archery or rifle season but not both
- No party applications accepted
- Hunt periods will be allotted at the time of drawing and are not transferable
- Application may be made by electronically or in writing beginning July 13, 2009
- Applications must be received by 5:00PM, August 7, 2009
- Hunters must include their full name, address, phone number, ALS number and desired hunt method – archery or rifle on the application
- Successful applicants will be contacted with hunt access information and authorized permission prior to the start of archery season.
- Successful applicants may use any deer license valid in Hunting District 406 and all hunting will conform to the existing FWP Commission-established season structure in HD 406
- Hunting access for other species not limited.

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612. Comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Division, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701. To submit comments electronically, this letter with the imbedded link below can be found under “Opportunity for Public Comment” on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website.

Proposed 2009 Deer and Elk Quotas outside the Biennial Quota Range

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**The deadline for public comment to be received on proposed 2009 Deer and Elk Quotas outside the Biennial Quota Range is 5:00 PM Friday, June 19, 2009. The FWP Commission will take final action on this item at its July 9, 2009 meeting.**

Proposed 2009 Antelope Quota Ranges

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Proposed 2009 Swanz Ranch Elk Hunting Access Agreement

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Proposed 2009 Fall Upland Game Bird Bag Limits

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Proposed 2009 Wolf Quotas and Subquota

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Proposed 2009 Marias River State Park/Wildlife Management Area Deer Hunting Access Regulations

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